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(TEXT) HAVANA, 17 SEP--THE OFFICES OF THE AMERICAN NEWS AGENCIES ASSOCIATED PRESS AND UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL WERE CLOSED THIS MORNING BY CUBAN AUTHORITIES. A SPOKESMAN FOR THE FOREIGN MINISTRY SAID THIS MEASURE HAD BEEN ADOPTED FOLLOWING THE "DEPARTURE" OF THE EDITORS OF THE TWO OFFICES.

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Comment: This is the final action closing out US press representation in Cuba.

These comments represent the initial and tentative reaction of the